

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 14 with the following paragraph:

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Current mechanisms for storing and providing entertainment system data to users are component specific. For example, programming guides made available by many cable companies provide some entertainment system data relating to programming selections available to the users. Typically, the programming guides provide an on-screen display of programming information for channels supported by the cable system. The programming guides, however, do not store or display entertainment system data from sources other than the cable company to the user. Thus, for example, if a user's entertainment system includes a direct broadcast satellite (DBS) receiver [digital satellite system (DSS)], a vertical blanking interval (VBI) decoder, a modem, or a video library, the entertainment system data from these sources and entertainment system data of entertainment selections from these sources would not be available to the user on the cable system's programming guide. In addition, the programming guides typically display limited information about a program selection. The information is usually limited to the title of the programming selection, agent 310 manages the organization and retrieval of the entertainment system data in the database 320, and presents the entertainment system data to users. The system control agent 310 includes a data parser 311, data engine 312, and query interface 313.

Please replace the paragraph on page 10, line 4 with the following paragraph:

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Entertainment system data may be received by the system control agent 310 from a plurality of sources. These sources may include modem transfer 341, [DSS] DBS 342, VBI 343, file input stream, 344, or other input streams 345. Modem transfer source 341 provides entertainment system data obtained from remote systems via a conventional modem. According to one embodiment of the

present invention, the remote systems are host systems accessed via a network such as a web server accessed via the Internet or "dial-up" systems accessed via a plain old telephone service (POTS) or an integrated services digital network (ISDN) line. [DSS] DBS source 342 provides entertainment system data obtained via a digital broadcast and a digital satellite receiver. According to one embodiment of the present invention, the entertainment system data is received via a separate digital channel by the DBS [DSS] receiver. VBI source 343 provides entertainment system data from the vertical blanking interval of a television broadcast. The entertainment system data is decoded from the VBI of the television broadcast by a VBI decoder. File input stream 344 provides entertainment system data obtained from a computer file. The file may be located locally on the computer system. The file may contain, for example, a video clip, a movie review, a video game or other application. Other input streams 345[235] represent other conventional sources from which entertainment system data could be obtained. It is to be appreciated that any other conventional medium could be used to provide entertainment system data to system control agent 310, including RF broadcasts, ultrasonic broadcasts, IR broadcasts, or other broadcasts. It should also be appreciated that entertainment system data may be provided by the users manually. Entertainment system data may be obtained from any one or more of the sources 341-345. The entertainment system data obtained from a source need not specify programs or applications that are obtained from that same source.